

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending.

Claims 1, 4, 8 and 11 are amended and claims 13-20 are new. Support for the amendments and the new claims these claims is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: page 7 lines 27-page 8 line 20, and page 7 lines 6-25.

Accordingly, no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the pending claims.

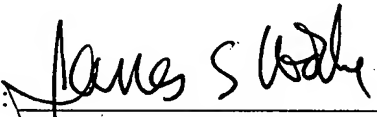
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone Timothy Joyce at 650 485 4310.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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